(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (e) At the time of framing of the Vision Document for the Food Processing Sector received, EXIM Bank, amongst other, had given their suggestions with regard to Creation of Export market Development Fund for agricultural products , a fund for Organic Agricultural Products Export Infrastructure Development Fund. Rabo India (Finance) Private Limited has since submitted the Vision Document with a nine point Strategy and Action Plan.

Network of Food Processing Industries

3799. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps being taken by Government to set up the network of food processing industries in hilly and tribal regions;

(b) the steps being taken to train the formers particularly the women in these areas, into food processing techniques;

(c) the steps being taken to provide financial, technical and marketing support to such enterprises located in isolated areas;

(d) whether an institutionalized mechanism has been set up to coordinate with the State Government; and

(e) whether the State Government agencies have been identified to ensure efficient delivery of such initiatives, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (c) Government has already implemented plan schemes for development of food processing industries in the country including in hilly and tribal regions. Financial assistance is provided @ 25% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of

Rs. 50 lakhs in gerenal areas and 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs for difficult areas/under the scheme of Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries. The Ministry also assists in Entrepreneurship Development Programme for training entrepreneurs. The schemes of the Ministry are not area, gender specific.

(d) and (e) State Nodal Agencies (SNA) have been nominated in all the States/Union Territories for coordinating and promoting the food processing sector in the country and SNAs forward viable project proposals for financial assistance to the Ministry.

Policy for Private Sector Investment

3800. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conceived any policy to attract private investment in food processing sector;

(b) if so, the salient features of the policy;

(c) the response from private sector so far;

(d) the number of industries coming up and the amount of capital they are bringing in, State-wise; and

(e) the concession being provided by Government to these private players?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (e) In order to promote the food processing sector, Government is providing financial assistance for setting up of food processing industries in the country under the plan schemes. Under the schemes, financial assistance is provided @ 25% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakh in general areas and @ 33.33% subject to a cap of Rs. 75 lakh in difficult areas. Further, Government have announced in the Parliament across the sector the following incentives:—

(i) under Income Tax Act, a deduction of 100% of profit for five year and 25% of profits for the next five years in case of new